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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

US Patent No. 5,523,948, published June 4, 1996;

US Patent No. 6,044,014, published March 28, 2000;

German Patent Publication No. 19642737 A1, published October 30, 1997 with English Abstract;

German Patent Publication No. 19850133 A1, published May 27, 1999 with English Abstract;

European Patent Application No. 941910 A1, published September 15, 1999; Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-89822 A, published March 31, 2000 with English Abstract; and

German Patent Publication No. 19943100 A1, published April 20, 2000, with English Abstract.

These publications were cited in a European Search Report mailed August 6, 2001 during the prosecution of EP 01109046, which corresponds to the above referenced application. A copy of the foregoing publications, copies of four English Abstracts for the German and Japanese publications, a copy of the European Search Report, and a reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompany this statement.

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